



Picked Up Here and There.

Of St. Valentine's day, it is said, the earliest stages of the development of the interesting coupling of Cupid's name with the custom of the day is many centuries old. The custom prevailed in various parts of Europe of drawing lots for valentines. A number assembled, wrote one another's names on slips of paper, threw the slips into a common receptacle, and then drew them, the person whose slip was drawn was to be the knight of the day.

Today Is St. Valentine's.

The drawing then went on, the one who drew a certain slip becoming that person's valentine. Frequently the imaginary engagement, thus begun in the playfulness of a holiday gathering, changed later to a real one, according to one who has made a study of this subject. This is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that the knight was bound by the rules of St. Valentine's day to wait hand and foot on the lady whose name had been drawn by him in the lottery and he devoted slave for a whole year, or until the following 15th of February, when a new drawing of lots would free him from one service and bind him to another.

The custom, which extended all through the centuries of Europe, from the common people to the courtiers, broadened until the valentine game came to be played by married as well as single players, and it being deemed so important to run errands for and wait on the lady whose name was written on the slip that the knight was expected to make her a present.

Pleasing Mention of a Couple.

An important engagement which should prove of interest to many is that of Miss Angela de Villanova, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Bodine, Miss Forney, who at the time of his retirement was in command of the United States Marine Corps. Mrs. Forney was Miss Jane de C. Richardson, whose great beauty seems to have been inherited by her charming daughter, who is now a young woman, all who know him well speak of him in glowing terms. Mr. Bodine, a successful business man, is president of a big corporation, and it is to be assumed that the young people are not likely to be lacking in their fair share of this world's goods, even were Mr. Bodine to be classed among the "unfortunate," which is far from being the case.

Mr. Bodine is a lawyer and a member of the Kithchen Club, as well as of the Cricket Club, as well as of the Radnor Hunt, and has the best wishes of all who love a life of pleasure.

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BRIDE-TO-BE OF NAVAL OFFICER.

St. Valentine's for the hostess to summon all the forces of this patron saint of lovers and the entire battery of Cupid's quiver to aid her in taking the guests into her confidence.

In the center of the luncheon table were two hearts of radium-pink roses, pierced by a golden arrow, and each guest found her place by an adorable "kewpie" with long wedding veil and a bouquet of wonderful pink flowers.

Over one arm was hung a rosy handkerchief of pink, which concealed a small velvet St. Joseph, the patron saint of marriage, who, according to "La Neuva de Colette," makes finding a Jack for every girl his particular concern.

Charming bique cupids enhanced the decorations, each bearing a lovely formal bouquet just like the bride's ever since her debut two years ago, has distinguished the bride-elect at "market, church or fair." From this array of bloom fell tiny ribbons strewn with hearts and darts in unmistakable profusion.

At each place was a corsage bouquet of mignon roses and forget-me-nots, and at the right hand of each guest an exquisite "mystic taper," with its exquisites for every varying pastel color, burned away the secret of some devoted heart.

Everything on the menu that could be made heart-shaped was molded into that appropriate form, the candles being suitably molded, with tiny cupidons on one side, verses on the other, and all "showering" with rose-garlanded ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt are among those who do not find England attractive as a place of residence.

A Vanderbilt Cruise of Note.

The top floor of a beautiful building in Mayfair is closed. Their country estate in the hands of the keeper.

Early in the summer Mr. Vanderbilt kept getting disconcerting letters to the effect that Russian troops were being taken across his lands on their way from Glasgow to the front in the hands of the keeper.

At any rate, Mr. Vanderbilt has directed his English interests recently from this hemisphere. He has even gone to the extent of purchasing a small yacht, the "See your own country." His first step toward following this cry was to advocate the present popular slogan of "See your own country."

When Mr. Vanderbilt bought the yacht last June, he was to have it done over. None of the rich and great ever missed an opportunity to have things done over. A new nursery and kindergarten installed. Notwithstanding this, however, two people conspicuously not of the party are missing, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt's infant son, who is now a year old.

The skipper who has charge of this party is Capt. Walter H. Bevan, who has charge of the "See your own country" year ago rescued Frederick Vanderbilt and party, including the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, who were on the yacht "Warrior" on a reef in the Caribbean Sea. The "Warrior," by the way, is the "Warrior" being built by the U. S. Navy.

At the ball of the Mithras last week in New Orleans the queen of the evening was Miss Alice Pratt, who is acknowledged one of the beauties and favorites of the debutante coterie this year. Her gown was one of the richest and loveliest ever worn at a carnival ball. It was of fish scale material that glittered at every motion of the wearer, and added so much beauty to the rich costumes of the court. Made with a long train of fish scale, it was worn with a superb white lace gift of the organization. The mantle was of old blue brocade satin, with a deep border of velvet, embroidered in jewel tones. A beautiful necklace of pearls, also studded with jewels. Miss Pratt wore a broad rhinestone band with ornaments as a headpiece, and carried a large arm bouquet of white roses and orchids. She was given a gold vanity case and a small jewelry box.

Her fair maidens were Miss Le Sasser, who wore white satin, with the new flare skirt and trimming of pink roses. The bride was of pearls and brilliant studs on tulle, and Miss Janin, who wore an especially lovely gown of flesh-colored satin, having a cloth of silver over and skirt covered with chiffon. Panels of chiffon had the edges deeply bordered in different shades of pink and coral, and rhinestones. Miss Henderson wore white satin with a tulle and rhinestone, and Miss Ziegler was lovely in white satin with tulle and pearls, accented with trimming. They carried large clusters of pink roses, and were given silver vanity cases and special pins.

The cotton in the Pittsburgh Golf Club Friday evening, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Dalzell, was enjoyed by about 150 guests.

Pittsburgh Still Likes Cottillons.

The decorations were beautiful and simple. Mrs. Dalzell wore a handsome gown of black chiffon velvet. The yoke was embroidered with rhinestones in unique designs and part of the bodice was of tulle, edged with rhinestones. The honor guest of the evening was Mrs. Dalzell's daughter, who wore a short dancing frock of white tulle over charmeuse, with basque effect of sparkling sequins, and similar trimming on the skirt. The bride wore a gown of black satin with a full tulle overdress embroidered with narrow bands of spangles and having a wide jet girde, and Mrs. William H. Dalzell, daughter of the hosts, wore a toilet of French blue satin caught up with large jet ornaments, with a chiffon overdress falling from the shoulders. The younger Mrs. Dalzell carried an armful of Lady Hillington roses and lilies of the valley.

Three figures of the cotton were danced, one before and two after the supper. The leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dalzell, and Mrs. Dalzell, dancing alone. The favors were arranged on tables decorated with daisies and lighted by electric bulbs. In the first figure the girls received powder puffs in tulle bags, tied with yellow ribbon, and dainty chiffon scarves in pastel shades. For the men there were electric pencils, pencils and pocket lights. Gold coin purses in leather cases, small gold sewing sets and card cases for the girls, and silver cigarette cases for the men. The favors were in the second figure, and the third figure was a French basket arranged in a large French basket, sachets and fancy boxes for the girls, and pipes and tobacco pouches for men.

Are you old enough to remember the bustle? Can you recall when Aunt Mary, then a debutante, now the mother of excitable schoolgirls who are talking about "being out," wore tight sleeves? Have you, in your memory, stories of the crinoline and the hoop-skirt and the romantic exploits of grandmothers listened to—they seem proxy in these days of lulu faras—to please the dear old lady? Well, all of these gowns and ways, styles and fash-

Bridge and Tea Dance.

The patronesses for the bridge and tea dance to be held next Tuesday at Rauscher's, from 4 to 7, for the benefit of the Free wards of Columbia Hospital, are Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. John Gibbons, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. I. T. Mann, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. McCalla, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Aleshire and Mrs. Hayward.

Dancing will begin at 5 o'clock, for which there are special tickets, which may be obtained at the door or from Mrs. Carleton Watts and Mrs. Charles H. Bradley.

Those who will serve on the floor committee are the Misses Fitch, Miss Dorothy Mason, Miss Mary Lora Andrews, Miss Louise Clark, Miss Helen Kimmel, Miss Elizabeth Wiley, Miss Eloise Sargent and Miss Allys Downings.

Lambda Kappa Tea Dance.

The active chapter of the Lambda Kappa Sorority of the Eastern High School received at a valentine tea dance at the Raleigh, Saturday, February 13. Over three hundred guests were present. Among those in the receiving line were:

Misses Mary Estep, May Mann, Marjorie Haines, Edith Barnes, Margaret King, Anna Hagan, Elmore Earnshaw, Virginia Lassala, McCarty, Virginia Farnsworth, Helen Rauchenstein, Margaret Jester, Katherine Howell, Margaret Moore, Emmet Corlier, Dorothy Leet, Bent Peacock, Katherine Taylor, Roberta McElhannon, Eloise Tebbis, Margaret Wilson and Selma Yost.

A Card Party.

Miss Marie Cuthbertson entertained the February graduating class of Central High School, of which she was a member, at her home, Wednesday, February 10. The evening was spent in playing five hundred and dancing. The dining room was tastefully decorated in red and white. Among those present were Misses Rosabel Collins, Eleanor Andrews, Ethel Howlett, Vivian McLaughlin, Della Miller, Frances Logan, Helen Cookson and Marie Cuthbertson, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cuthbertson, Messrs. Horton, Streep, Harty, Frank Know, Harry Cuthbertson, Herbert Jones, Bernice Triplett and Rev. Thomas L. Trott, rector of St. Joseph's, Durham, N. C.

Social Notes.

Mrs. John Fletcher Barbour of Roanoke, Va., and her eldest son, John Fletcher Barbour, Jr., are at the Shoreham, Mrs. Barbour is visiting with Mrs. George H. Gorham of this city.

Mrs. E. W. Grafton and Miss Evelyn Grafton have returned to the city from a four-week stay in Atlantic City.

Miss Violet Smoot Haislip of Riverside, Md., is visiting the family of her uncle, Mr. William H. Smoot, at the Turin, 1924 17th street northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkner of New York, formerly of Plainfield, N. J., who have spent some weeks at the Burlington with Senator and Mrs. James E. Martine, are preparing to return to New York within a short time.

A Pretty Tea.

Mrs. Brailley Gish was hostess yesterday afternoon at a tea at her home on Ashmead place, from 4 to 6 o'clock. She had assisting her Mrs. J. B. Kier, Mrs. Miss Louise Floyd of Massachusetts, Miss Iris Masters, Miss Helen Gardner, also Mrs. Chester Catness, Miss Clara La Folle and Miss Jean Falconer of Washington state, and Mrs. W. P. Borland of Missouri, Mrs. S. J. Masters presided at the tea table.

An Informal at Home.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Charlotte Crittenden Everett, 1539 18th street, received informally. Mme. Yvonne de Treville of Brussels and Paris was to have been the honor guest, but was called away from the city. Those assisting were Miss Velma Sharp of Alma, Mich., and Vienna, and Miss Elie Newton of Washington.

Miss Margaret Allen of Williamsport, Pa., assisted by a number of young ladies, served refreshments in the ballroom. The tables were gay with bouquets of pink carnations, in color corresponding with the table appointments. The guests included friends from New York, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri and California.

A Tea Party.

Mrs. Ashton Todd and her niece, Mrs. Howard Gneise, gave a tea Friday from 4 to 6. Mrs. Keesee wore white charmeuse and lace. They were assisted by Mrs. Otis Rudd of Richmond, Mrs. L. E. Edelin of Westmoreland, Va.; Miss Jane Carrington and Miss Jane Dodge.

Mrs. Clarence Dodge, wearing a gown of blue brocade, with crystal lace and trimmed in bands of ermine, served punch. Mrs. Edward Bryant Semmes poured coffee.

Mrs. David Thompson, wearing black velvet and rhinestone trimming, presided at the punch bowl.

Reception at Gunston Hall.

Mrs. Beverly Randolph Mason entertained yesterday afternoon at a large reception for the pupils of Gunston Hall. Receiving with Mrs. Mason were her daughters, Mrs. Moffett and the Misses Mason.

Others assisting were Miss Bentley, Mrs. Buxton, Mrs. Lu Crone, Miss Pratt, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Devereux, Mrs. Gatewood, Mrs. E. T. Williams, Mrs. Richard S. Worth, Mrs. B. H. Furr, Mrs. R. H. Cox, Mrs. Taylor Burke, Mrs. Davis Willis, Mrs. Hunter Moser, Miss Cornelia Clagett and Miss Dorothy Taylor.

College Women's Club.

The College Women's Club is to have an event of unusual interest in the late afternoon of Washington's birthday, Section Eleven, Mrs. William H. Baker, chairman, will give a tea in the ballroom of the Raleigh Hotel, at which Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, president of the George Washington Association, is to speak on the Memorial building and the feasibility of the college women of the country securing national headquarters in the memorial when it is completed. Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Van Devanter, Mrs. Lamar, Mrs. Pitney, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Rufus Day have accepted invitations to attend.

Fort Myer Notes.

The riding hall was the rendezvous Sunday morning for the lovers of the horse, many of Capt. Haight's Saturday morning class being present. The class now numbers twelve. Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Tauscher, Miss Scott, Miss Houston Scott, Miss Hall, Miss Scriven, Miss McQuade and Miss Edith Hepburn. It was the intention of Capt. Haight to only start the class, then turn it over to some lieutenant, but, to the delight of all, he is to retain it.

Miss Wilder spent Sunday the guest of her father, Col. Wilder, 5th Cavalry. She returned to New York Monday. Lieut. and Mrs. Edwin Parker, 3d Field Artillery, whose wedding was an event of February 3 at Christ Church, Georgetown, have returned from their wedding trip and taken quarters No. 15, formerly occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Hildman.

Lieut. Vandever left Wednesday for Fort Sill, Okla., where he will take a three-month course at the school of Artillery. Mrs. Vandever will remain here as guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hildman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilder of Honolulu are spending several weeks in the post as guests of Capt. and Mrs. Sturges, who entertained a party of ten at dinner before the dance Thursday in their honor. Those invited to meet them were Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Theodore Baldwin, Miss Judge, Lieut. and Mrs. Rhodes of the navy and Dr. Tucker. All the appointments for this pretty dinner were yellow.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Sidney Haight entertained at dinner before the hop Thursday night. Their guests were Capt. and Mrs. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bristol of New York and Maj. and Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. Mencher, Mrs. Glassgow and Mrs. Edwin Barker, all of the post, received at the full dress hop Thursday night at the administration building. A delightful supper and tea were served. The collection of which the floor was a delight to all. Hung from the ceiling were large and small, and hung from the rafters of the room. Red and white electric lights peeped from under the folds of Old Glory at the beautiful women and handsome sons of Uncle Sam as they one-stepped to "Tipperary." A delightful supper and tea were served and it was the wee small hours before the dance ended. Quite a number of the girls were present. The gowns were very handsome.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bristol are here from New York on a visit to Capt. and Mrs. Donnelly, 3d Field Artillery. The drill party was well attended, it being Lincoln's birthday. The program was lengthy. At the tea dance that followed Mrs. Donnelly received, assisted by Mrs. Hildman, Scott and Mrs. Bristol of New York. The dance hall

Here for the Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kenney Gage of Detroit have taken an apartment at 1725 H street for the winter season.

At Annapolis Hop.

Miss Dorothy Mason and her guest, Miss Sophy Bieham, went to Annapolis yesterday to attend the hop at the Naval Academy. Last night. They will remain over today.

A March Tea Dance.

A mid-winter tea dance will be given at Rauscher's March 6, 4:30 to 6:30, for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Home.

Pleated Skirt.

A good supplementary garment to add to the winter wardrobe is a pleated skirt. Pleated fabric is sold in skirt lengths for various prices, and some of the shops will have pleated any fabric which you choose. It is neatly stitched into band and all you need do is to seam it and put on hooks and eyes.

Brassiere to Embroider.

If you have wanted an embroidered brassiere, but have not felt that you could afford to buy one, you can make one. Not make it from heading to end, but work the embroidery, the part that makes it cost more than you care to spend. For brassieres stamped ready for embroidery are sold. They are otherwise finished, with hooks and eyes securely in place, and lace neatly sewed on. The cheap ones cost only 80 cents.

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But we've got to get them out before our own selections go on sale. That makes us trim the special price still lower.

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